

## **General Course Information**

**Hotel:** A room has been held for each participant in the course. *You must call the hotel and guarantee your room with a credit card.* If you are planning on sharing a room with a co-worker please inform the hotel with whom you will be sharing. This will allow the hotel to release one of the rooms from our block. You must call and guarantee your room no later than three weeks prior to the start of the seminar. At that point all rooms that have not been guaranteed with a credit card will be released. This means you may not have a room! The hotel phone number is 888-478-8950. Let them know you are with the DEA Forensic Chemist Seminar when calling. If you have any difficulty with your reservation, please call 703-444-3909 and ask for reservations or to speak with Troy Holt.

**Transportation:** The closest airport is Dulles International. The hotel offers a free shuttle to and from the airport. Please call the hotel to arrange pickup/drop-off. Taxis are also available but at extra expense, around \$30. During the weeknight, group transportation to tour local and Washington, DC sites is available at any extra expense, see "Attractions" below.

**Attire:** On the first day of the seminar ***business attire*** is required for the class photo. For the rest of the week ***business casual*** is permissible, but on some days there may be a lot of standing so please consider comfortable footwear. In keeping with the DEA Lab System Dress Code we ask that no blue jeans be worn. Safety glasses will be provided when you enter the laboratories. However, if you wear prescription safety glasses, you may want to bring them with you for your comfort.

**Meals:** The hotel provides a substantial continental breakfast daily. In order to adhere to the seminar schedule, the laboratory has arranged catered lunches at an expense of ***\$15 per day***, except Friday. Light refreshments will also be provided throughout the day. A receipt for lunch expenses will be provided.

**Course Materials:** All course materials (binders, pens, highlighters, paper, etc) will be provided by the DEA. To conserve paper, all presentations and additional information will be provided to each student on a CD.

**Course Schedule:** Please meet in the hotel ***lobby at 7:15am*** every morning to catch the shuttle to the laboratory. If you make alternate lodging arrangements you will be responsible for transportation to the seminar site. The seminar begins promptly at ***8am*** each day. You can expect the seminar to end around 4:00pm each day except Friday. On Friday we will be finished by noon.

## **Topics Covered:**

- Lectures: (subject to change)
  - Opening and Closing Remarks
  - Analysis of Clandestine Laboratories
  - Clandestine Laboratories
  - Cocaine Processing and Signature
  - Cocaine Chemistry
  - Opium to Heroin Processing
  - Emerging Trends
  - Synthetic Cannabinoids
  - Cathinones
  - Hallucinogens
  - Spectroscopy
  - Mass Spectroscopy
  - Steroids
  - HPLC and CE
  - Courtroom Testimony
  - Logo Index
  - Quality Assurance
  - Reference Materials
  - Near-IR Analysis
  - Group Forum
- Hands-On: (Subject to change)
  - Crack Cocaine Demo
  - GC Maintenance and Troubleshooting
  - Methamphetamine Cook
  - Salvia and Spice
  - Tableting/Comparison Scope/Near-IR Demo

**Attractions:** There are many great sites to see in Northern Virginia and Washington, DC. Here are some suggestions and favorites from previous students and local chemists.

- **Washington, DC (approx. 1 hour from the hotel)**
  - Any of the Memorial sites (Vietnam, Lincoln, Jefferson, etc)
  - Arlington National Cemetery
  - The Pentagon
  - Smithsonian Institute and the Mall
  - US Capitol
  - Library of Congress
  - White House
  - The Spy Museum
  - The Crime and Punishment Museum
  - The Portrait Gallery
  - National Zoo
  
- **Loudoun County, Northern Virginia**
  - Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center( houses several types of airplanes including the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the Boeing Dash 80, and the space shuttle *Enterprise*)  
Free Admission, parking \$15. **Approx. 20 minutes from hotel**
  - Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets **Approx. 10 minutes from hotel**
  - Dulles Towne Center Shopping Mall (several high end stores and various restaurants) **Approx. 5 minutes from hotel**
  - Regal Cinemas Countryside Stadium 20 **Approx. 2 minutes from hotel**

**Local Restaurants:**

- Olive Garden (across the road)
- Sweet Water Café (across the road)
- TGI Friday (across the road)
- Benihana (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- The Cheesecake Factory (located at the Dulles Towne Center)\
- Mimi's Café (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- Red Robin Gourmet Burgers (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- Romano's Macaroni Grill (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- Red Lobster (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- LongHorn Steakhouse (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- P.F. Chang's China Bistro (located at the Dulles Towne Center)
- Cold Stone Creamery (located across Route 7 off of Palisade Pkwy near the Regal Cinema)
- Cheng's Oriental Restaurant (located across Route 7 off of Palisade Pkwy near the Regal Cinema)
- O'Faolains Irish Pub (located across Route 7 off of Palisade Pkwy near the Regal Cinema)
- Ledo Pizza (located across Route 7 off of Palisade Pkwy near the Regal Cinema)
- Don Pablo's (located off of Route 7 in the Potomac Run Plaza)

## **Transportation:**

- **Reston Limousine Service (1-800-546-6141)**
  - DC tours
    - 5 hour tour (2hours for travel and 3 for site seeing)
    - 6 people minimum and 30 people maximum
    - **\$35/person**
    - **\*\*Please call a day in advance to make the reservation\*\***
  - Renting a bus to tour around anywhere
    - 3 hour minimum
    - 20 passenger bus is **\$433**
    - 25 passenger bus is **\$477**
    - **\*\*Can call same day but may not have availability so may want to call in advance\*\***
- **Taxis Services**
  - **Washington Flyer Taxi (703-572-8294)**
    - Check their web-site for rate breakdowns
  - **Sterling Cab and Sedan Service (703-463-9001)**
  - **Dulles Flyer Transportation (703-391-8855)**

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact your class coordinator **Roxanne Franckowski at 703-668-3300** or email **DEA-Forensic.Chemist.Seminar@usdoj.gov**.